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Introduction

This Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin (SAIB) alerts you of an airworthiness concern for Socata Model TBM 700 airplanes, serial numbers 1 through 308 and 310.

Background

The Direction Générale de L'Aviation Civile (DGAC), which is the airworthiness authority for France, reports cracks found on the vertical stabilizer attachment fitting.

SOCATA issued Service Bulletin No. 70-104, dated Jun 03 Amdt. 1 August 04, which specifies inspections of the vertical stabilizer attachment fittings, bolts, and reinforcements for corrosion and cracks during the next 600-hour scheduled inspection and then every 1,200 hours or every second annual inspection.

The DGAC issued an Airworthiness Directive (AD) **F-2003-366 R1**, dated November 24, 2004, to require the actions of the service bulleting on airplanes registered for operation in France.

Recommendation

We recommend that you do the actions of **SOCATA SB No. 70-104**, dated Jun 03 Amdt. 1 August 04.

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You may obtain copies of SOCATA SB 70-104, dated Jun 03 Amdt. 1 August 04, from EADS SOCATA, Direction des Services, 65921 Tarbes Cedex 9, France; phone: 33-5-62-41-73-00; fax: 33-5-62-41-76-54; web address: <http://www.socata.eads.net/>

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